More flights from Bhubaneswar

912. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to make more flight arrangements from Bhubaneswar Airport to major cities of the country; and

(b) whether Government have any plan for allowing private airlines to operate in Bhubaneswar for the above purpose?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, Jet Airways is planning to link Bhubaneswar with a daily flight from Delhi from December, 2001.

Airline operators are free to operate on any route/to connect any place based on their commercial judgement subject, of course, to compliance with the route dispersal guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

Public facilities at Ahmedabad airport

913. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVAITION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any public facilities like water cooler, urinal, latrine in parking places at airports;

(b) if so, the names of the airports together with the cities;

(c) whether these facilities are available in Ahmedabad; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Public Facilities like Toilets, Water Coolers, etc. in the parking places have been provided at international airports at Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Kolkata, Trivandrum, Bangalore, Ahmedabad, Hyderabad and Goa and at domestic airports at Agartala, Baroda, Calicut, Coimbatore, Jammu and Lucknow. Urinal and Latrine facilities are available at Bhubaneswar, Jaipur and Mangalore airports.